A Service of Remembrance and Honor
Preparing for Service

Welcome to Christ Church. This bulletin is designed to make it as easy as possible to participate. But there are a few things we suggest you do before the service begins to make following along easier.

- Crayons and paper are available for children at the rear of the Worship space and at the Ramp door entrance.
- Lastly, please turn off your mobile or electronic devices prior to the start of service.

Prelude

Adagio in G minor
Remo Giazotto
(1910-1998)

Please stand and join in singing the

Opening Hymn

O God, our help in ages past
Hymn Tune: St. Anne

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
   our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt securely;
   sufficient is thine arm for us and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame;
   short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening
   gone; they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away
   like training echoes, or the last chime
   in {[the] silent night.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
   our hope for years to come,
   be thou our guide while life shall last,
   and our eternal home.

The Hymnal 1982
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5
Music: St. Anne; melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Please be seated

Welcome

The Rev. Bennett G. Jones II

Opening Sentences

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.—Psalm 46:1
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from when will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.—Psalm 121:1,2
What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?—Micah 6:8
The presiding minister continues
We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all, who in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

Remembering

Presiding minister
We remember those who died aboard
American Airlines Flight 11, from Boston, bound for Los Angeles
United Airlines Flight 175, from Boston bound for Los Angeles
American Airlines flight 77, from Washington bound for Los Angeles
United Airlines Flight 93, from Newark bound for San Francisco

We remember those who died
in the North Tower of the World Trade Centre
in the South Tower of the World Trade Centre
in the Pentagon

We remember those who died
serving as Firefighters
serving as Police Officers
serving as Emergency Response Workers

Prayer

Presiding Minister
Rest eternal grant unto them, O God, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Silence is kept.

A Prayer of Commemoration

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the events of 9/11; those communities that were diminished and suffered loss; those who mourn. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of 9/11, worked tirelessly to rescue and rebuild. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ’s kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

An Act of Penitence (Coventry Litany of Reconciliation)

Presiding Minister
All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Silence

For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.
For the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.
For the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
**Father, forgive.**

For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
**Father, forgive.**

For our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, and the refugee,  
**Father, forgive.**

For the lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women and children,  
**Father, forgive.**

For the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
**Father, forgive.**

Heavenly Father, enable us to be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as you forgave us through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Please be seated  

**Music**  

La ténèbre (Our darkness)  
Taizé

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The Lessons

**First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-13**

*Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere.
I send it. You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring great honor to the LORD's name; they will be an everlasting sign of his power and love.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

Psalm

Still, my soul, be still
(Psalm 46)

Keith & Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend

1. Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear though winds of change may rage to-mor-row. God is at your side; no long-er dread the fires of un-ex-pect-ed sor-row.

2. Still, my soul, be still, do not bemo-v ed by less-er lights and fleet-ing shad-ows. Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith a-gainst tem-pa-tion's flam-ing ar-row-s.

3. Still, my soul, be still, do not for-sake the truth you learned in the be-gin-ning Wait up-one the Lord, and hope will rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.

REFRAIN

God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shak-en.

Lord of peace, re-new a stead-fast spir-it within me to rest in You a-lone.

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Second Lesson: Romans 8:31-39
Reader: A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one— for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

Music

Nada te turbe (Nothing can trouble) Taizé

Congregation sings their part continuously, alternating between Spanish and English, as printed.

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Words: St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
Music: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community (1923-1994)
Address

Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale

Children’s Anthem

In God Alone

Bernadette Farrell
(b. 1957)

Then I saw a new earth, a new heaven,
and the first heaven and earth disappear.
No more war, no more hate, no more hunger,
no more thirst, no more loss, no more fear.

No more pain, no more death, no more weeping,
earth and heaven are one on that day.
For I saw all our tears form a river,
and I saw every tear wiped away.

REFRAIN:

In God alone my hope. In God alone my strength.
In God alone my shelter be, my home, my heart, my liberty.

Then let all who are thirsty find water,
let it flow from the well of new life.
And let all who are waiting in darkness
know that God will become their new light.

For the world of the past is behind us,
and the whole of creation is new.
And a feast is prepared for all peoples,
for God’s promise is faithful and true. REFRAIN

Please stand

Praying Together

Presiding Minister

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice
and truth. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.
We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that we may have discipline and
discernment, courage and compassion. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.
We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to
kindness and friendship. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.
We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials
they may know your love and support. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Presiding Minister

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for
justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of terror and war, to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the
peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
All join together in the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

Choral Anthem

Drop, drop, slow tears

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from Heav’n the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet tears, his mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance: sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

(Words: Phineas Fletcher, 1633)

Responding in Hope and Commitment

Music

The kingdom of God

Taizé

Please stand

The Act of Commitment

Presiding Minister

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Everyone

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.
Closing Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Hymn Tune: Michael

1. All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my
   trust renew, me through change and chance he
   guideth, only good and only true. God un-
   known, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

2. Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown be-
   tray our trust; though with care and toil we
   build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's
   power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness e'er endures, deep his wisdom
   passing thought: splendor light, and life at-
   tend him, beauty springeth out of nought. Ever-
   more from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth the almighty give bounteous gifts on
   praise be stow; his desire our soul des-
   praising for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth
   When you go home tell them of us and say,

5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of
   praise be done; high above all praises
   for your tomorrow we gave our today.

The National Anthem

Dismissal

Presiding Minister

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

Postlude

Nimrod, from ‘Enigma Variations’ Op. 36
Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN GUILD HALL
PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Bennett G. Jones II .............................................................................. Presiding Minister
Rector of Christ Church

The Rev. Carolyn G. Jones ............................................................... Band & Children’s Choir Director
Associate Rector of Christ Church

Robert S. Potterton III ............................................................ Organist and Choirmaster

The Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale .......................................................... Guest Speaker
Mayor of Fitchburg

Marilyn Benoit .............................................................................. Reader
Senior Warden of Christ Church

Dan H. Mylott ............................................................................... Reader
Junior Warden of Christ Church and Former Mayor of Fitchburg

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Serena Folding .............................................................................. Crucifier
Lisa Folding ................................................................................ Torch Bearer
Christopher King ........................................................................ Torch Bearer
Steven Folding ........................................................................... Candle Lighter
David Callahan ........................................................................... Candle Lighter

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(Photos of Fitchburg Fire Department by Rick Jollimore)

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Paula Cattel, Carl Fandreyer, Lin Goodwin, Michael Hallett, Debra King, Barbara Lagasse,
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Elysia Cornier, Isabella Flaherty, Brendan Fors, Cameron Fors,
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PRAISE BAND

George Bourgault, Cassidy Callahan, Paula Cattel, David Folding,
Steven Folding, Lin Goodwin, Michael Hallett, Joseph Wiley

Our Youth Group went to New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.
Some of their reflections can be read in Guild Hall.
Pictures which they took are included in the video.

YOUTH GROUP

Kira Andreucci, David Folding, Lisa Folding, Serena Folding, Morgan Fors,
Mary Joslin, Michaela Racine, Rebecca Racine, Samantha Racine,
Grace Roy, Karin Thibaudeau, Aaron Wiley, Joseph Wiley
"My inspiration for designing the Flag of Honor and the Flag of Heroes was the desire:

To immortalize the individual victims that were killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001

To give comfort to the families left behind knowing that their loved one will be forever honored and remembered.

To create an enduring symbol, recognized by the world, of the human sacrifice that occurred on September 11, 2001

"The Flag of Honor contains the names of all those that perished in the World Trade Towers, the Pentagon, United flights 175 and 93 and American flights 11 and 77.* The Flag of Heroes contains the names of the emergency services personnel - the heroes who gave their lives so that others could live.*

* as of 09/11/08

"Together these flags give the families, friends, all of America and the world symbols that will forever memorialize, individually, the men, women and children that were lost that dreadful day."

John Michelotti, Greenwich, CT, Creator

(Nearly 3,000 Flags of Honor and Flags of Heroes, bearing the names of 9/11 victims, were placed in Battery Park (near Ground Zero) for the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The Flag of Honor features the names of the victims in red and blue - creating the stripes of the American flag.

The Flag of Heroes accomplishes the same effect, using the names of First Responders from FDNY, NYPD, PAPD (Port Authority Police Department), PANYNJ (Port Authority of New York and New Jersey), EMS, OCS Security, NYSDTF (New York State Department of Taxation and Finance) and Court Officers.)
Upcoming Events at Christ Church

**Downtown Trick or Treating**
October 29th @12:00pm-2:30pm

**Thanksgiving Dinner**
Free for the community
November 20th @ 5pm

**From Darkness to Light**
In preparation for Christmas
A Candlelit Service of Readings and Music
December 4th @ 5pm

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